

SM358/Specimen Equations booklet



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Wave mechanics

$$\hat{x} \implies x$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = \hat{H}\Psi$$

$$\Psi_n(x, t) = \psi_n(x) e^{-iE_n t/\hbar}$$

$$\hat{H}\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi_n(x)$$

$$p_i = \left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_i^*(x) \Psi(x, t) dx \right|^2$$

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_i p_i A_i$$

$$\Delta A = (\langle A^2 \rangle - \langle A \rangle^2)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{d\langle x \rangle}{dt} = \frac{\langle p_x \rangle}{m}$$

$$E_n = \frac{n^2 \pi^2 \hbar^2}{2mL^2} \quad n = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \cos\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right) \quad (n \text{ odd})$$

$$E_n = (n + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega_0 \quad n = 0, 1, \dots$$

$$\hat{H} = (\hat{A}^\dagger \hat{A} + \frac{1}{2})\hbar\omega_0$$

$$\hat{A}^\dagger \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{n+1} \psi_{n+1}(x)$$

$$\hat{x} = \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{A} + \hat{A}^\dagger)$$

$$\Psi(x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A(k) e^{i(kx - E_k t/\hbar)} dk$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |A(k)|^2 dk = 1$$

$$j_x(x, t) = -\frac{i\hbar}{2m} \left(\Psi^* \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} - \Psi \frac{\partial \Psi^*}{\partial x} \right)$$

$$\hat{p}_x \implies -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial t} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2} + V(x)\Psi(x, t)$$

$$\Psi_{dB}(x, t) = e^{i(kx - \omega t)} \quad p_x = \hbar k \quad E = \hbar\omega$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2 \psi_n}{dx^2} + V(x)\psi_n(x) = E_n\psi_n(x)$$

$$\text{probability density} = |\Psi(x, t)|^2$$

$$\langle A \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi^*(x, t) \hat{A} \Psi(x, t) dx$$

$$\Delta x \Delta p_x \geq \hbar/2$$

$$\frac{d\langle p_x \rangle}{dt} = - \left\langle \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \right\rangle$$

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi x}{L}\right)$$

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$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{C/m} \quad a = \sqrt{\hbar/m\omega_0}$$

$$\hat{A}\hat{A}^\dagger - \hat{A}^\dagger\hat{A} = 1$$

$$\hat{A} \psi_n(x) = \sqrt{n} \psi_{n-1}(x) \quad \hat{A} \psi_0(x) = 0$$

$$\hat{p}_x = \frac{-i\hbar}{a\sqrt{2}}(\hat{A} - \hat{A}^\dagger)$$

$$A(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Psi(x, 0) e^{-ikx} dx$$

$$\langle p_x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hbar k |A(k)|^2 dk$$

$$T = \frac{4k_1 k_2}{(k_1 + k_2)^2}$$

Quantum mechanics and its interpretation

$$\langle f|g \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^*(x)g(x) dx$$

$$\langle f|g \rangle = \langle g|f \rangle^*$$

$$\left\langle f \middle| \sum_i c_i g_i \right\rangle = \sum_i c_i \langle f | g_i \rangle$$

$$\left\langle \sum_i c_i g_i \middle| f \right\rangle = \sum_i c_i^* \langle g_i | f \rangle$$

$$\langle f | \widehat{A} g \rangle = \langle \widehat{A} f | g \rangle$$

$$\langle f | f \rangle \langle g | g \rangle \geq |\langle f | g \rangle|^2$$

$$[\widehat{A}, \widehat{B}] = \widehat{A}\widehat{B} - \widehat{B}\widehat{A}$$

$$[\widehat{x}, \widehat{p}_x] = i\hbar.$$

$$\frac{d\langle A \rangle}{dt} = \frac{1}{i\hbar} \left\langle [\widehat{A}, \widehat{H}] \right\rangle$$

$$\Delta A \Delta B \geq \frac{1}{2} \left| \left\langle [\widehat{A}, \widehat{B}] \right\rangle \right|$$

$$L_z = xp_y - yp_x$$

$$L = I\omega$$

$$E_{\text{rot}} = \frac{L^2}{2I}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = I\mathbf{A} = \gamma\mathbf{L}$$

$$\widehat{L}_z = -i\hbar \left[x \frac{\partial}{\partial y} - y \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right]$$

$$\widehat{L}_z = -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \quad \widehat{L}^2 = \widehat{L}_x^2 + \widehat{L}_y^2 + \widehat{L}_z^2$$

$$[\widehat{L}_x, \widehat{L}_y] = i\hbar \widehat{L}_z \quad [\widehat{L}_y, \widehat{L}_z] = i\hbar \widehat{L}_x$$

$$[\widehat{L}_z, \widehat{L}_x] = i\hbar \widehat{L}_y \quad [\widehat{L}^2, \widehat{L}_z] = 0$$

$$L^2 = l(l+1)\hbar^2, \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$L_z = m\hbar, \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm l$$

$$[\widehat{S}_x, \widehat{S}_y] = i\hbar \widehat{S}_z \quad [\widehat{S}_y, \widehat{S}_z] = i\hbar \widehat{S}_x$$

$$[\widehat{S}_z, \widehat{S}_x] = i\hbar \widehat{S}_y \quad [\widehat{S}^2, \widehat{S}_z] = 0$$

$$S^2 = s(s+1)\hbar^2, \quad s = \tfrac{1}{2}$$

$$S_z = m_s \hbar, \quad m_s = \pm \tfrac{1}{2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \gamma_s \mathbf{S}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}} = -\gamma_s B \widehat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{n}}$$

$$\widehat{S}_{\mathbf{n}} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & e^{-i\phi} \sin \theta \\ e^{i\phi} \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|\uparrow_{\mathbf{n}}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) \\ e^{i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix} \quad |\downarrow_{\mathbf{n}}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} -e^{-i\phi} \sin(\theta/2) \\ \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{S}_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{S}_y = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\widehat{S}_z = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) = |0,0\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\uparrow\rangle) = |1,0\rangle \quad |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle = |1,1\rangle \quad |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle = |1,-1\rangle$$

$$C(\theta_1, \theta_2) = P_{++}(\theta_1, \theta_2) + P_{--}(\theta_1, \theta_2) - P_{+-}(\theta_1, \theta_2) - P_{-+}(\theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$\Sigma = C(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + C(\theta_1 - \theta'_2) + C(\theta'_1 - \theta_2) - C(\theta'_1 - \theta'_2) \quad |\Sigma| \leq 2$$

Quantum mechanics of matter

$$Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) = \Theta_{lm}(\theta) e^{im\phi} \quad \widehat{\mathbf{L}}^2 Y_{lm} = l(l+1)\hbar^2 Y_{lm} \quad l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad m = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm l$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{L}}_z Y_{lm} = m\hbar Y_{lm} \quad \widehat{\mathbf{L}}^2 = -\hbar^2 \left[\frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2} \right]$$

$$\text{parity of } Y_{lm} = (-1)^l \quad \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^\pi Y_{l_1, m_1}^*(\theta, \phi) Y_{l_2, m_2}(\theta, \phi) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi = \delta_{l_1, l_2} \delta_{m_1, m_2}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}} \psi_n = E_n \psi_n \quad n = 1, 2, \dots \quad \widehat{\mathbf{H}} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{\widehat{\mathbf{L}}^2}{2\mu r^2} - \frac{e^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r}$$

$$\psi_{nlm}(r, \theta, \phi) = R_{nl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta, \phi) \quad R_{nl}(r) = \left(\frac{r}{a_0} \right)^l \left(\text{polynomial in } \frac{r}{a_0} \right) e^{-r/na_0}$$

$$\langle r^k \rangle = \int_0^\infty r^{k+2} R_{nl}^2(r) dr \quad \int_0^\infty R_{n_1, l}^*(r) R_{n_2, l}(r) r^2 dr = \delta_{n_1, n_2}$$

$$E_n = -\frac{E_R}{n^2} \quad E_R = \left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0} \right)^2 \frac{\mu}{2\hbar^2} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2\mu a_0^2} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 a_0} \quad \mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

$$a_0 = \frac{4\pi \varepsilon_0}{e^2} \frac{\hbar^2}{\mu} \quad E_{nj} = -\frac{E_R}{n^2} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha^2}{n} \left(\frac{1}{j + \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{3}{4n} \right) \right] \quad \alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 \hbar c}$$

$$E_R^{\text{scaled}} = Z^2 \frac{\mu}{\mu_H} E_R \quad a_0^{\text{scaled}} = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\mu_H}{\mu} a_0 \quad j = l \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$L = |l_1 - l_2|, |l_1 - l_2| + 1, \dots, l_1 + l_2 - 1, l_1 + l_2 \quad S = |s_1 - s_2|, |s_1 - s_2| + 1, \dots, s_1 + s_2 - 1, s_1 + s_2$$

$$J = |L - S|, |L - S| + 1, \dots, L + S - 1, L + S \quad \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S} \quad E_{\text{gs}} \leq \min \frac{\langle \phi_t | \widehat{\mathbf{H}} | \phi_t \rangle}{\langle \phi_t | \phi_t \rangle}$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}} = \widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(0)} + \delta \widehat{\mathbf{H}} \quad \widehat{\mathbf{H}}^{(0)} \psi_n^{(0)} = E_n^{(0)} \psi_n^{(0)} \quad E_n \simeq E_n^{(0)} + \langle \psi_n^{(0)} | \delta \widehat{\mathbf{H}} | \psi_n^{(0)} \rangle$$

$$\Psi(x, t) = \sum_k a_k(t) \psi_k(x) e^{-iE_k t/\hbar} \quad a_k(t) \simeq \delta_{ki} + \frac{1}{i\hbar} \int_0^t e^{i\omega_{ki} t'} V_{ki}(t') dt' \quad l_f = l_i \pm 1; m_f = m_i \text{ or } m_i \pm 1$$

Mathematics

$z = x + iy = re^{i\theta}$	$z^* = x - iy = re^{-i\theta}$	$ z ^2 = zz^* = x^2 + y^2 = r^2$
$\operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{z + z^*}{2}$	$\operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{z - z^*}{2i}$	$z^n = r^n e^{in\theta}$
$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$	$\cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$	$\sin \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$
$e^{\pm i\pi} = -1$	$e^{i\pi/2} = i$	$e^{-i\pi/2} = -i$
$e^x e^y = e^{x+y}$	$\ln a + \ln b = \ln(ab)$ $(a > 0, b > 0)$	$e^{\ln a} = \ln(e^a) = a$ $(a > 0)$
$\cos(\theta \pm \pi) = -\cos \theta$	$\sin(\theta \pm \pi) = -\sin \theta$	$\tan(\theta \pm \pi) = \tan \theta$
$\cos(\theta \pm \pi/2) = \mp \sin \theta$	$\sin(\theta \pm \pi/2) = \pm \cos \theta$	$\tan(\theta \pm \pi/2) = -\cot \theta$
$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$	$\frac{1}{1+x} = 1 - x + x^2 - \dots$	$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots$
$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots$	$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots$	$\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots$
$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$	$\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$	
$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B))$	$\sin A \sin B = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) - \cos(A + B))$	
df/dx	$f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx$
nx^{n-1}	x^n	$\frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1} + C \quad (n \neq -1)$
$-1/x^2$	$1/x$	$\ln x + C$
$a \cos(ax)$	$\sin(ax)$	$-\frac{1}{a} \cos(ax) + C$
$-a \sin(ax)$	$\cos(ax)$	$\frac{1}{a} \sin(ax) + C$
$a \exp(ax)$	$\exp(ax)$	$\frac{1}{a} \exp(ax) + C$
$1/x$	$\ln(ax)$	$x \ln(ax) - x + C$

Physical constants

Planck's constant	h	$6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$	Planck's constant/ 2π	\hbar	$1.06 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
vacuum speed of light	c	$3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	Coulomb law constant	$\frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0}$	$8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N F}^{-1}$
permittivity of free space	ε_0	$8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$	permeability of free space	μ_0	$4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H m}^{-1}$
Boltzmann's constant	k	$1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$	Avogadro's constant	N_m	$6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
electron charge	$-e$	$-1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	proton charge	e	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
electron mass	m_e	$9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$	proton mass	m_p	$1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
atomic mass unit	u	$1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$	neutron mass	m_n	$1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$
Bohr radius	a_0	$5.29 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$	fine structure constant	α	$1/137$
electronvolt	eV	$1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$	Rydberg energy	E_R	13.6 eV